

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 27 as follows:

Examples of such a homopolymer made from a monomer having in the molecule an acidic group or the above-mentioned sulfonated polymer include polyvinylsulfonic acid, polyvinylsulfuric acid, polystyrenesulfonic acid, sulfonated polystyrene/butadiene copolymer, polyallylsulfonic acid, ~~polymethacrylsulfonic~~ polymethallylsulfonic acid, poly-2- acrylamide -2 - methylpropanesulfonic acid, and polyacrylic halide.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 11 as follows:

Accordingly, examples of the polymeric acid made of such a copolymer include styrene/vinylsulfonic acid copolymer, styrene/vinylsulfuric acid copolymer, styrene/styrenesulfonic acid copolymer, styrene/2- acrylamide -2- methylpropanesulfonic acid copolymer, N-vinylpyrrolidone/vinylsulfonic acid copolymer, N-vinylpyrrolidone/vinylsulfuric acid copolymer, N- vinylpyrrolidone/N-vinylpyrrolidone sulfonic acid copolymer, N-vinylpyrrolidone/2- acrylamide -2- methylpropanesulfonic acid copolymer, acrylic acid/vinylsulfonic acid copolymer, acrylic acid/vinylsulfuric acid copolymer, acrylic acid/styrenesulfonic acid copolymer, acrylic acid/2-acrylamide-2-methylpropanesulfonic acid copolymer, methacrylic acid/vinylsulfonic acid copolymer, methacrylic acid/vinylsulfuric acid copolymer, methacrylic acid/styrene sulfonic acid copolymer, methacrylic acid/2- acrylamide -2- methylpropanesulfonic acid copolymer, acrylamide/vinylsulfonic acid copolymer, acrylamide/vinylsulfuric acid copolymer, acrylamide/acrylamidesulfonic acid copolymer, acrylamide/2- acrylamide -2 - methylpropanesulfonic acid copolymer, acrylonitrile/vinylsulfonic acid copolymer, acrylonitrile/vinylsulfuric acid copolymer, acrylonitrile/styrenesulfonic acid copolymer, acrylonitrile/2-acrylamide-2-methylpropanesulfonic acid copolymer, ~~copolymer, copolymer and N-vinylpyrrolidone/vinylsulfonic acid copolymer, N-vinylpyrrolidone/vinylsulfuric acid copolymer, N-vinylpyrrolidone/styrenesulfonic acid copolymer[[,]]and N-vinylpyrrolidone/2-acrylamide-2-methylpropanesulfonic acid copolymer.~~